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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 11-32047, published February 2, 1999 was previously filed on February 24, 2000.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 10-229401, published August 25, 1998 was previously filed on February 24, 2000.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 5-199230, published August 6, 1993.
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 7-87121, published March 31, 1995.
5. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 11-298484, published October 29, 1999.

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6. N. Mori et al., "Packet Filtering Method in MPOA Networks", The 1997 Signal Society B-7-40, September 3-6, 1997, pp. 118.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding Japanese Office Action dated March 7, 2000, and an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof, which cites and indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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